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1. In spite of instructions to the contrary, many participants in the FDJ Whitsuntide Rally attempted to make their way to West Berlin. These attempts were made repeatedly, according to a report made to the People's Police by a station master in Hohenneuendorf. Additional personnel to help prevent the youths' access to West Berlin were requested by officials on duty at East German railroad stations. Participants in the Rally donned disguises and hid on trains going to the western sectors in an attempt to escape police detection. 25X1
2. Railroad officials were ordered to take the names of FDJ members who resisted authorities who denied them access to the western sectors. Names were also taken of groups of FDJ members who attempted to cross en masse into West Berlin. In some localities Transport Policemen stopped all trains and checked the passengers. Any passengers with baggage were removed from the train and taken into police custody.
3. Police blamed laxity on the part of local officials for the success which some individuals and groups had in crossing the sector or zonal border. There were cases where, contrary to the official order, border-control personnel permitted FDJ members to cross through the western sectors. One reason given by young people for wishing to cross West Berlin was to visit relatives on the other side of the city.
4. There were several cases where participants in the Rally were arrested upon returning from a visit to West Berlin. Search notices were also published for FDJ members and People's Policemen who had disappeared from their quarters and had presumably defected to West Berlin.

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